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FURTHER DELAYS ARE FEARED NOW

Move to Reconsider Vote Hinted—Lodge Quits Chamber in Anger.

Ratification of the arms conference treaties by the Senate was threatened with serious delay by a new fight launched yesterday by some Democratic opponents.

They not only called in question the legality of the ratification Friday of the four-power Pacific pact, but intimated that it would be tested in the courts, but threatened to move next week for reconsideration of the vote.

This would prolong debate, postponing ratification of the naval and Chinese treaties far beyond the time when administration leaders had hoped to have them disposed of.

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The trouble arose over the reservation of declaration written by Secretary Hughes and signed by representatives of all parties to the four-power pact. This declaration, which Secretary Hughes insisted on as a pre-requisite to American participation in the four-power pact, stated that the United States signed the four-power treaty with the understanding that it did not disturb American rights in the mandated islands in the Pacific, and that under it no purely domestic questions could be considered. This second provision was put in as a protection to California, which objects to Japanese immigration, and does not want that question laid before an international tribunal or conference.

The declaration was sent to the Senate along with the treaty by President Harding, but was not ratified Friday. The Democrats called attention to it near the close of the voting, but were ruled out of order.

Lodge Leaves in Anger.

Senator Lodge said this was all a mistake, and that the declaration stood outside the treaty as a statement interpreting what was in the treaty. He offered to let the Senate ratify it and at once began preparing a resolution of ratification covering it.

Hitchcock then said it was too late to make the declaration part of the treaty and that if it were ratified separately Japan might refuse to ratify it, thereby leaving the United States without recourse on the two items covered by the declaration. The debate grew so heated that Lodge at one point left the Senate Chamber in anger, and at another time told Hitchcock not to shout.

Hitchcock contended that if the question were tested in the courts it would be held that the Senate had not legally ratified the four-power pact because Lodge had refused to permit inclusion of the declaration. Swanson, Virginia, suggested that the ratifying vote be reconsidered and the whole matter reopened for debate.

No progress was made towards ratifying the supplementary treaty excluding the homeland of Japan from the four-power pact. Robinson offered an amendment to exclude Sakhalin Island, held by Japan, so that if Japan and Russia go to war over the island, the United States would not be involved.

May Avoid British Strike In Conference Tomorrow

LONDON, March 25.—A conference may be held tomorrow on the threatened lockout of 80,000 workers in engineering and shipbuilding trades.

Union leaders, after their followers had voted by a big majority to reject operators' proposals, even though rejection meant a lockout, agreed early today to meet the executives for further discussion next week.

Control of Dardanelles May Be Given League

PARIS, March 25.—The control of the Dardanelles and Constantinople may be entrusted to the league of nations, according to a solution discussed by the foreign ministers today.

The British and French world gateway to the league is the sole alternative since the internationalization scheme failed.

Two Killed, 20 Injured In Texas Tornado

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 25.—Two persons were killed and more than a score injured in a tornado which swept Southeast Texas today, leaving scores of ruined homes and business places in its wake with a property damaged of probably \$250,000.

Joffre on Way to Victoria.

The "Silver State," a United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet vessel, will enter quarantine at Victoria, B. C., tomorrow morning, when it will be met by the Joffre on board, according to a message received last night by W. J. Love, vice president of the Shipping Board.

Gibbs Indicts U. S. Senate As Backward-Looking Body

Epitomizes Timidity of American Leadership, He Says. People Ready to Follow Fearless Captains to Heights.

By SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

In my last message I ventured to put down a summary of self-criticism which I have heard from Americans during my visit to the United States. It is valuable perhaps not as a study of gloomy thought, too darkly shaded to present a true picture, but as a revelation that beneath the surface of American cheerfulness and self-confidence there are many minds seriously disturbed by their analysis of political and social life in the United States. Perhaps I may be permitted as a true friend and lover of the American people to express my own views upon one danger and element of weakness which I think

W. R. & E. CARS RUN DOWN 3

Atlanta Man Injured, Probably Fatally, in Crossing Street.

AUTO STRIKES BOY Woman Trips Over Sewer And Suffers From Fall And Shock.

In view of hundreds in the downtown theater district last evening W. W. McMillon, 62 years old, of Atlanta, Ga., was run down and injured, probably fatally, by a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

The aged man was crossing the street at Tenth and F streets northwest and failed to see the car. Women screamed as the man was struck and thrown to the street. Suffering from concussion of the brain, probable skull fracture and cuts and bruises, he was placed in a private automobile and rushed to the Emergency Hospital. His condition is reported as critical.

Woman Hurt by Fall.

McMillon came to Washington on business several days ago. He was stopping at a downtown hotel. His wife was notified of the accident by a neighbor, C. C. Flemmons, of police headquarters.

Lucy Kern, 40 years old, 112 Third street northeast, was injured slightly when she stepped from a sidewalk onto a sewer cover in front of 225 A street northeast. While playing near his home, 3-year-old Harry Messenger, 1219 Fifth street northeast, was run down by an automobile and injured about the head and body. He was removed to the Sibley Hospital. The automobile was operated by Charles Edwards, 1237 Fourth street northeast.

Two Other Car Victims.

S. C. Hammock, 45 years old, of Davis, W. Va., was run down by a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company at Ninth street and New York avenue northwest. He was injured about the head and body.

James S. Bowden, Silver Spring, Md., was run down on G street, near the Capitol, by a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and injured about the head and body. He was rushed to the Emergency Hospital and after being treated for some time was taken to the police station, charged with intoxication.

The motorcycle ridden by Earl Tolls, 17 years old, 422 Franklin street northwest, caught fire in front of 1332 New Jersey avenue northwest, early last evening, severely burning Tolls about the legs and hands. He was removed to the Freeman's Hospital.

Master and Six Scouts Drowned

South Bend Boys Lost When Wind Storm Upsets Canoes.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 25.—Their canoes upset by a sudden wind storm, J. N. Taylor, scout master for South Bend and Mishawaka, and six Boy Scouts, all of South Bend, were drowned today at Magician Lake, seven miles out of Dowagiac, Mich.

Taylor and the boys were members of a "work-a-day" party which had driven to the lake in an automobile to prepare the site for the scouts' summer camp. One of the boys lost was a son of Taylor. Taylor, who was trying to save the boys, was drowned. The bottom of the lake is soft and full of weeds.

Five others, including J. N. Taylor, Jr., the scout master's oldest son, were rescued. His 9-year-old son, James, was drowned.

Vatican Appointment Elevates 5 U. S. Priests

ROME, March 25.—The following appointments were announced from the Vatican this afternoon:

Bishop Walsh, of Trenton, to be bishop of Hartford; the Rev. John Linner, of Duluth, to be domestic prelate; the Revs. Richard J. Haberlin, Richard Neagle, Arthur Connelly and Joseph MacGlinchey, all of Boston, to be domestic prelates.

Belgians' Visit to Pope May Forecast Wedding

BRUSSELS, March 25.—The King and Queen of the Belgians leave tomorrow for Rome, where they will visit the Italian royal family and will be received by Pope Pius XI. It is rumored that the visit is an unconnected with an eventual engagement between Prince Leopold, of Belgium and Princess Yolanda of Italy.

BORAH OFFERS SENATE AID IN COAL STRIKE

Calls Miners' Officials In- to Conference on Situation.

LABOR COMMITTEE MAY MEDIATE

Senator Believes Inquiry May Lead Toward Adjustment.

A move to avert the nation-wide strike of 600,000 coal miners, called for April 1, was made yesterday by Senator Borah as the new chairman of the Senate Labor Committee.

He took preliminary steps that may result in an offer by his committee of its good offices to bring about an eleven-hour settlement and prevent the strike from becoming effective.

Mr. Borah called labor representatives into conference with him at the Capitol. He talked over the whole strike situation with a representative of the United Mine Workers and two from the A. F. of L. Further conferences will be held next week, Mr. Borah said.

Seeks Adjustment.

If these conferences warrant it, Mr. Borah will ask the labor committee to authorize him to offer the committee's aid in bringing about a general conference of representatives of the miners and the operators, in an effort to reach a peaceful adjustment of the trouble.

While there are no legislative aids Congress can render to meet the present situation, the friendly intervention of the labor committee might result helpfully, Mr. Borah believes.

While Mr. Borah continues his efforts next week the House Labor Committee will begin hearings on a bill creating a Federal commission of the mining industry and reorganizing the President and Congress its findings with recommendations concerning governmental policies toward mining.

Will Hear Both.

Representatives of the miners and operators are to be heard by the Senate committee on the present strike situation will be discussed, although the bill does not apply directly to it.

In the same connection, Mr. Borah is working out a program of legislation setting up a permanent Federal policy regarding what he calls "God's monopolies"—coal, gas, oil and other natural resources. The pending strike in Mr. Borah's opinion, may be used to point out to the country the need for such a policy, and to create support for the legislation to make the policy effective.

The House hearings will be pushed speedily, Representative Nolan, Republican of California, chairman of the committee, said yesterday with the idea of getting the resolution adopted by Congress as soon as possible.

Calls for Speed.

Representative Nolan said that though the resolution would not be adopted before April 1, when the strike is scheduled to occur, the committee would be working for months and the commission could begin work immediately upon its appointment and come to some decision on the solution of the difficulties.

The commission is authorized under the resolution to study the wage problems and working conditions among the miners, with the aim of fixing a minimum wage to avert such future difficulties.

Miners' President Says Strike Plans Complete

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 25.—"Strike plans are complete. Everything is set for the without of day workers at midnight March 31. There is nothing more to do. The men will quit quietly and peacefully."

These words, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, left Cleveland last night, after receiving unanimous approval of the mine policy committee.

Internal disorder within the miners' ranks was definitely smoothed down when Frank Farnington, head of the Illinois district, tonight again pledged support of Lewis' plan. "The miners in the 'greatest strike in history'."

Following what he termed "informal conferences" with railroad brothers, Lewis, tonight, stated that he had been assured financial aid from the powerful rail unions. He said, however, this aid had not been formally asked. Mine unions, according to Lewis, were prepared for long fight, financially and "in every way."

DENIES M. BRIAND SOUGHT ALLIANCE

Charges made on the floor of the French chamber of deputies that M. Briand had sought a Franco-American naval alliance against Great Britain at the arms conference were declared yesterday, upon the highest official authority here, to be absolutely unfounded.

Officials of the administration expressed surprise that M. De Grandmaison should have made such charges and declared that neither M. Briand nor anyone else had ever suggested such an alliance to the American delegation.

ALLIES WILL ASK AID FOR ARMENIA

PARIS, March 25.—Allied foreign ministers, meeting here to consider changes in the near-East policy, tonight issued a communique, stating it had been decided to ask the aid of the league of nations to help "realize the aspirations of Armenia."

Look Out of the "Innocent Bystanders."

—By J. N. Darling.



WILL OPPOSE CUT IN ITEMS OF D. C. SCHOOL BUDGET

Members of Congress Say Appropriation Is Not Too Large.

A determined effort will be made to preserve every Senate amendment to the District appropriations bill affecting the public schools of Washington, it was declared yesterday by members of Congress.

The original bill as amended by the Senate Appropriations Committee is not in excess of the actual needs and in no way should be reduced, Senators insisted.

Members of the House declared that it would be criminal to reduce the amount provided by the Senate.

Several items added to the original bill by the Senate would be contested during the conference, it was believed, but members who have followed the school situation were sure the school items would remain undisturbed.

Representative M. Alfred Michaelson, of Illinois, characterized the public school situation in the District as a disgrace to the entire nation and charged Congress with the responsibility for what he declared was a disgraceful condition.

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FLOODS WASH OUT MEMPHIS ROADS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 25.—Rising waters of the Mississippi River have covered more than 200 miles of improved highways in the Memphis territory and have washed out many culverts and bridges, it was estimated tonight.

All the interstate and transcontinental roads entering Memphis are impassable.

A report from Hickman, Ky., says that city is experiencing higher water than in the floor year of 1913, with further rises predicted.

ASSAILS LITTLE CONGRESS AS "COWARDLY" AND QUILTS

Declaring that banking interests had brought pressure to bear and had literally forced the Little Congress to reverse its vote of aye on the resolution that the U. S. should recognize Soviet Russia, to nay, Harry M. Blackall, of Connecticut, tendered his resignation to the Speaker of that body last night.

Blackall asserted he did not wish to be a "member of any body so cowardly as to reverse its decision on a matter, just because extraneous pressure had been brought to bear," and declared that it was a "piece of rank sportsmanship."

"I did not know," he said, that our actions here had attracted such wide attention, and if all other moves on the part of the Little Congress must receive the approbation of some unknown and outside party before they can become public, I am in favor of immediate dissolution of the Congress."

Want U. S. Troops To Stay on Rhine

British Will Ask America to Reconsider Decision To Withdraw.

PARIS, March 25.—The British intend to request the authorities at Washington, to reconsider their decision of withdrawing the American troops on the Rhine through insisting the allies to arrange for the payment of costs since the armistice, and obtaining a reduction of fifty per cent of the French troops in the occupied region, according to reliable sources here.

The allies realize the powerful moral effect the Stars and Stripes have on the Rhine and the influence their presence wield on Germany. The withdrawal of the Yanks will mark a break in the allied solidarity and produce a bad reaction, it is argued.

The British will ask the United States to maintain a small contingent of an identical number with English troops who will remain in Cologne, that Belgium reduce its force and maintain only its army of occupation to 20,000 men instead of the 76,000 it now has.

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Forty-Six Held IN \$168,000 BAIL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 25.—Bail aggregating \$168,000 was fixed today in the Federal Court here for William C. McConnell, formerly State prohibition director, and the forty-six men indicted with him in the \$100,000 Pennsylvania booze scandal.

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Fears U. S. Ownership.

"I predict," said the Senator, "that if we do not succeed in carrying out the principle of consolidation, which has already gone forward in many satisfactory ways, it will presently begin to appear to all the people of the country that there is just one other solution—that is government ownership and operation. If we do not consolidate the lines, government ownership and operation is the only recourse open to the American people. And I want it to be understood that I am unalterably opposed to government ownership and operation of our railroads."

The American railroad problem will never be finally solved unless all the railroads are consolidated into comparatively few systems, say fifteen or twenty, and competitive in their character. I might add that there is no competition in the railroad world and ought to be none except the competition of good service, the competition which renders one railway property more attractive to a shipper than another, or one railway passenger train more attractive to a traveler than another.

Many Bills Pending.

"When that is done we can fix rates so that the lowest scheduled rate will sustain these properties as a whole may be established."

There are now pending before Congress, and especially in the Senate, a great many bills which have for their purpose the modification

FAVORS NATIONAL PLAN IN DEALING WITH RAILROADS

Senator Cummins Says Merger Would Avert U. S. Ownership.

With Senator Cummins, of Iowa, asserting that the consolidation of the railroads into a few great systems is all that can avert eventual government ownership and operation of the transportation lines, unusual importance attaches to the proceedings pertaining to this question which will begin before the Interstate Commerce Commission next month.

The commission will hear the views of railroad officials and others on the various consolidation schemes which have been proposed to carry out the following provision of the transportation act of 1920: "A commission shall as soon as practicable prepare and adopt a plan for the consolidation of the railroads under the control of the national United States into a limited number of systems."

"In the division of such railways into such systems under such plan, competition shall be preserved as far as possible and wherever practicable the existing routes and channels of trade and commerce shall be maintained."

"Subject to the foregoing requirements, the several systems shall be so arranged that the cost of transportation as between competitive systems and as related to the values of the properties through which the service is rendered shall be the same, so far as practicable, so that the systems can employ uniform rates in the movement of competitive traffic and under substantially the same rate of return upon the value of their respective railway properties."

Senator Cummins, one of the authors of the transportation act, and acknowledged authority on railroad questions, said that there are some of our railroad companies that never can be maintained until the process of consolidation is consummated.

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Denies Entente's Right to Dictate

GERMAN ANSWER SAYS ALLIES
Demands Cannot Be
Met in Full.

BERLIN, March 25.—The German answer to the reparations commission's note was prepared today, but may be revised between now and Tuesday, when the secretary of state will take it to Paris.

From a diplomatic point of view the right of the entente commission to tell Germany what laws it must pass. The German government told the entente that such action is a violation of German sovereignty and therefore is illegal and not acceptable.

The note asserts it is impossible for Germany to raise an additional sum of 60,000,000,000 paper mark (roughly \$150,000,000) from taxation at present.

The note gives a detailed outline of what Germany is capable of doing to fulfill the entente reparations terms. Chancellor Wirth will make a speech Tuesday, when the contents of the answer will be indicated.

There is no talk yet of the government being given a vote of confidence on Tuesday.

NEW ASSAULT PUT AT DOOR OF HUNTED NEGRO

Girl, 15, Attacked and Bound Same Day as Miss Hawkins.

THREE RELEASED AFTER GRILLING

Citizens Will Appeal to Governor to Add to Reward Fund.

McLEAN, Va., March 25.—Another assault charge may be lodged against the negro who, Thursday attacked Miss Agnes Hawkins, United States government employe, at her home, Jackson Station, Va.

This was revealed here tonight, when county authorities were informed that the 15-year-old daughter of Edward Thompson was found bound hand and foot to some bushes near her home, along the Ridge road, near Drainesville, Va., Thursday morning.

The report to the county authorities was delayed as the home of the girl is in an isolated section, more than two and a half miles from a railroad.

Negroes Aid Search.

Owing to the similarity of the crime, both of the victims of the assaults having been bound by their hands and feet by the assailant, the county officials are of the opinion that the same negro is responsible for the two crimes. The two homes where the attacks occurred are about eight miles apart.

An investigation of the Thompson case will be conducted by county authorities tomorrow. In the meantime the search for the assailant of Miss Hawkins is continuing unabated.

Two negro detectives from this place have been deputized and have worked on the case throughout the night. They are expected to be of valuable assistance to the authorities because of their knowledge of the negro settlements in this section.

Three Are Released.

Three negroes detained after the attack on Miss Hawkins were released tonight. They were subjected to a severe cross-examination by Fairfax County authorities, who were unable to connect them with the crime which has enraged the citizenry of this county and which has given rise to repeated threats of a lynching.

Two others are being sought by the officials. One of the county's answer Miss Hawkins' description of her assailant, resided near the Hawkins home and has not been seen since the crime. The officials believe the perpetrator of the crime was familiar with the Hawkins home and the habits of Miss Hawkins.

Will Appeal to Governor.

With feeling still running high among the residents of this county and with open threats of violence being made generally ten of twelve citizens of this place have offered to contribute sums ranging from \$25 to \$50 each toward a reward fund to be paid for the capture of the culprit dead or alive.

The county board of supervisors is said to have prepared and added \$250 to the maximum amount provided by law, to any such reward fund, but Acting Commonwealth Attorney, Farr, has declared this amount inadequate to cover the gravity of the case. An appeal will be made to Gov. Trinkle to supplement any amount secured by a substantial state reward.

Victim Is Better.

Miss Hawkins is recovering from a severe nervous breakdown, resulting from the assault, according to attending physicians, but her condition is still considered serious.

Robert Lewis, 21 years old, was released tonight after having been taken from an electric train this morning and being subjected to a severe examination during the day. The entente that such action is a violation of German sovereignty and therefore is illegal and not acceptable.

Following the arrest of Lewis by Magistrate Clifton Laughlin, Herbert Hill, 26 years old, was taken from the train and released, when she stated that he was "not the man."

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